

**Burrillville**

**Recreation Commission**

**RE: Minutes, February 9, 2009**

**Present: Cheri Hall, Director Juliette Lopez-Recinos**

**Al Gerew, Vice Chair Al Low**

**Alice Lavigne, Secretary**

**Mike Karmozyn, Town Council Liaison**

**David Marcotte**

**Absent:**

**Excused: Kurt Schatz and L. Kevin McDonald**

**Guests: Steve Pichie, Little League President was not in attendance.**

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Al Gerew, Vice Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.**

**Motion to accept minutes of January 12, 2009 regular meeting by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Seconded by David Marcotte. Motion passed 4-0.**

### **Correspondence:**

**The Director reported on the notification from the Rhode Recreation Parks Association (R.I.R.P.A.) of the Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department receiving the Department of the Year Award. The awards ceremony luncheon will take place on March 11, 2009 at Crystal Lake Golf Course at 12 noon. An invitation was extended to the commission to attend.**

**Motion to allow the Director to spend a total of \$125 from the discretionary fund to allow for two Parks & Recreation employees and three Burrillville Extended Care employees to attend the March 11, 2009 R.I.R.P.A Awards Ceremony Luncheon. Motion made by David Marcotte. Seconded by Alice Lavigne. Motion passed 4-0.**

### **Good & Welfare:**

**The Director reported that a \$2,000 scholarship from The Trust was received to allow her attendance at the National Congressional Legislative Forum in Washington, DC March 17th through 20th. The Director will meet the President, First Lady and Senator Jack Reed will be receiving a congressional award from the National Recreation and Parks Association. The Director will be checking on different stimulus package issues and grant monies that would affect Parks & Recreation funding.**

**The Director will be attending the U.S. Tennis Association conference on Thursday, February 12th in South Carolina.**

**Al Low announced his presidency to the Burrillville Farmer's Market in its third year and their appreciation of the Parks and Recreation Department's support of the market. Al will let Parks and Recreation know the upcoming season schedule of use of the Town Common area.**

**The Director wanted to thank Steve Pichie and Roy Carlson for their assistance with replacing a light at the high school utility gym to allow for its continued use. A letter of appreciation will be forwarded to Steven Pichie, with a copy to the Town Manager and School Superintendent.**

#### **Old Business:**

##### **Pedestrian/Bike Path**

**A meeting regarding the Pedestrian/Bike Path is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the Annex building regarding the mapping by Horsley and Witten. Next will be a meeting with the various fire and utility departments.**

##### **Family Fair**

**A directive has been given of no non-essential spending allowed per the Town Manager. Consequently, the Family Fair has been currently put on hold. Al Low recommended making adjustments to assist in having this year's Family Fair.**

**The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 4th since supplies have already been purchased.**

**Other recreation programs are being recommended be cut back such as summer beach bus, Branch River porta-john, etc. The remainder of this fiscal year, the recreation center account could support any expenses but not on an ongoing basis. A list of rental and instructor fees was shared at the budget meeting and with the commission members. For this year the possibility of allocating \$13,000 for Little League and \$4,100 for Figure Skating from Burrillville Extended Care funds was suggested. It was mentioned that only \$5,000 of the \$40,100 program funds is for the department's use. The remaining is allocated to the leagues. All requested league budget information has been received.**

### **Department Copier**

**The Department's copy machine is out of service. A new machine was in the process of being purchased but is temporarily on hold due to the spending freeze. Funding was not to be funded from the operating budget since funding was from Spring Lake Beach and the Recreation Center accounts.**

### **Spring Lake Beach Repairs**

**Maintenance person Joe Hutnak will assist with Spring Lake Beach preparations for the painting of the buildings when the weather permits with the Town Manager's approval to put the painting of the**

**buildings out to bid.**

### **2009-2010 Budgets/League**

**As noted above, all the league budgets have been received but the Director is awaiting further operating budget information.**

### **New Business:**

#### **Trust Scholarship**

**Note above**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Noted above**

### **Recreation Center Furnace**

**Glendale Oil was addressing a problem with one of the two furnaces at the Recreation Center (Beckwith-Bruckshaw Lodge) before a fire in the duct work took place. The building alarm is tied in directly to the fire department which resulted in a very quick response time to make the damage minimal. The Trust has been exceptional in assisting the Director with the repairs. The expenses totaled \$6,000 to cover the deductible and furnace cost which will be funded from the Recreation Center account. Repairs included cleaning, new ceiling tiles, painting, new boiler, upstairs door, ductwork, etc.**

**Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion**

**Passed 4-0.**

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.**

**Recorded by**

**Carol L. Conway**

**Administrative Aide**

**Burrillville Parks & Recreation Department**

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